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URGENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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MR. WHITTEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 607]

COMPLETED ORIGINAL

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Joint Resolution 607, making an urgent supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, for the Veterans Administration, reports the same to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that the joint resolution be passed.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

On September 4, 1980, the administration requested a $40 million supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 1980 for the readjustment benefits program of the Veterans Administration (H. Doc. 96-368). This appropriation is required to meet a pending shortfall caused largely by an increase in beneficiary applications above what was originally estimated for fiscal year 1980. The VA has advised the Committee that without this urgent supplemental appropriation approximately 128,000 beneficiaries will face delays of up to four weeks in receipt of educational benefit checks.

The Committee is recommending the full $40 million request and urges the timely enactment of this resolution to insure that the payment of these entitlements, as provided by law, is made as soon as possible.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(l)(4), rule XI of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates that the enactment of the joint resolution would have no inflationary impact.

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COMPARISONS WITH BUDGET RESOLUTION

In accordance with section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344), the following table provides comparisons between new budget authority set forth in the third concurrent resolution on the budget as allocated to the Committee on Appropriations under section 302 of the Act, and the fiscal year 1980 new budget authority contained in the accompanying resolution:

Sec. 302 allocation	$398,102,265,000
Amount in prior appropriations	398,047,129,000
Amount remaining	55,136,000
Committee recommendation	40,000,000
Amount under allocation	15,136,000

FIVE YEAR PROJECTION OF OUTLAYS

In accordance with section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344), the following table contains 5-year projection of the outlays associated with the fiscal year 1980 new budget authority provided in the accompanying joint resolution:

Budget authority, fiscal year 1980	$40,000,000
Outlays: Fiscal year:	
1980	
1981	40,000,000

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

In accordance with section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344), there is no financial assistance to State and local governments provided in the joint resolution.

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